CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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September 26, 2000 (for October 12, 2000 Hearing)

To: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons

From: Peter Douglas, Executive Director

Tami Grove, Deputy Director Charles Lester, District Manager Dan Carl, Coastal Planner

Subject: Certification Review for City of Watsonville Local Coastal Program Major Amendment

Number 1-99 (PVUSD High School).

At the March 16, 2000 meeting in Carmel, the Coastal Commission approved, with suggested modifications, City of Watsonville Local Coastal Program (LCP) Major Amendment Number 1-99. This amendment was designed to modify the City's LCP to allow for the Pajaro Valley Unified School District to pursue a high school on property west of Highway One along Harkins Slough Road between Hanson and West Branch Struve Sloughs. Since that time, and within the required six-month time frame, (1) the City has taken actions to modify the LCP as directed by the Commission's suggested modifications (see Exhibit 2), and (2) the City, County of Santa Cruz, and Coastal Commission have entered into a memorandum of understanding as directed by the Commission's suggested modifications (see Exhibit 3). The Executive Director has determined that the actions taken by the City are legally adequate and that the amended LCP should be certified. The Executive Director recommends that the Commission concur with this determination and that the LCP, as amended, be certified. If the Commission concurs, the amended LCP will be certified as of today's date (i.e., October 12, 2000), and notification of this certification and Commission concurrence will be forwarded to the City on October 13, 2000 (see Exhibit 1 for draft notification).

Motion. I move that the Commission concur with the Executive Director's determination that the actions taken by the City of Watsonville to accept the Commission's suggested modifications for LCP Major Amendment 1-99 are legally adequate.

Executive Director's Recommendation. The Executive Director recommends a **YES** vote on the motion. Passage of this motion will result in certification of the City of Watsonville LCP as directed by the Commission's approval with suggested modifications of LCP Major Amendment 1-99; the amended LCP will be certified as of today's date (i.e., October 12, 2000). The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

Exhibits

- Exhibit 1: Draft letter to City of Watsonville Mayor Oscar Rios (1 page)
- Exhibit 2: City's Acceptance of the Coastal Commission's Suggested LCP Modifications (City of Watsonville Resolution Number 245-00 and Ordinance Number 1096-00) (84 pages; Resolution on pages 2-1 through 2-39, Ordinance on pages 2-40 through 2-84)
- Exhibit 3: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding City of Watsonville LCP Amendment Number 1-99 (as executed by and between the City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, and the Coastal Commission); includes City and County Side-Agreement Regarding Affordable Housing (19 pages; 3-1 through 3-19)
- Exhibit 4: Revised City of Watsonville Zoning Map (1 page)

